

# Mrs. William Thaw a Militant Mother and a Good Witness for Her Son, Her Story Impressing Its Truth on the Minds of All Who Heard It

Accustomed to Having Her Own Way, She Gently Persisted, Despite Court and Counsel, in Telling Jury Her Views on Heredity.

ONE OF THE "GOOD WOMEN" OF EVELYN THAW'S DIARY.

Doesn't Share Daughter-in-Law's Opinion of Jerome, Seeing in Him Only the Man Who Is Trying to Kill Her Son.

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**A** MILITANT MOTHER is Mrs. Mary Copley Thaw, whose testimony furnished yesterday's sensation at the Thaw trial.

The second great occasion of the murder trial had come, and Harry Thaw's mother met it, determination written large on her placid forehead, the light of battle in her mild blue eye.

This stately elderly woman, who had probably never faced a criminal court-room before, walked to the witness stand as serenely as if about to open a church bazaar instead of to testify before a jury of men who are trying her son for his life. Only in the low, quavering tones of her voice, now husky and again pitifully weak, and in a brief moment at the beginning of her testimony when words failed her, and the proceedings were halted that she might regain her composure, did she betray any emotion.

She gave her evidence as if she were telling it to Mr. Delmas, occasionally including Justice Fitzgerald at one side and the jury on the other in a smile that was almost regal in its gracious condescension.

## GAVE JURY HER VIEWS ON HEREDITY.

Mrs. Thaw carries on her silver hair the crown of noble motherhood—of womanhood sheltered and respected and esteemed by all men, and she is not unaware of it.

In appearance she is very tall and of a robust stateliness. Her black gown, while well-fitted and becoming, was such as almost any mother in the land might wear. Its somberness was relieved by a touch of white at wrist and throat. Her hair was drawn smoothly back from her wide forehead, and the small black hat she wore was set rather far back on her head, its swathing veils withdrawn from her fine, motherly face.

It is a large face, with rather small features, save for the mouth, which is decidedly long. In every line it breathes serenity, dignity and also, I should say, determination and even great obstinacy of purpose.

It was very evident yesterday that when Mrs. William Thaw has something to say she is accustomed to saying it, and even the combined efforts of Justice Fitzgerald, Mr. Delmas and District Attorney Jerome were not always successful in keeping her testimony within the narrow rules of evidence. She wanted to tell the jury what she knew about heredity, and had no hesitation in saying so even after Mr. Jerome and Mr. Delmas had told her the ordeal was over and she could leave the witness stand.

## MRS. THAW AND EVELYN IN CONTRAST.

A most interesting thing to me was the contrast presented by the elder Mrs. Thaw's attitude toward Mr. Jerome as compared with that of Evelyn Nesbitt Thaw.

The District Attorney spared the younger woman nothing in his cross-examination. Yet her attitude toward him was always deferential and even had at times a touch of unconscious coquetry. Since she left the stand she has expressed an indubitably genuine admiration for some of the traits of her husband's prosecutor, whom she is able to look at in a detached, impersonal way, seldom possible to women.

To Mrs. William Thaw, on the contrary, Mr. Jerome, though all deference and consideration, was never for one moment anything but the man who was trying to send her best-loved son to death, and an unreasoning womanly hostility hardened gaze and speech when she addressed him.

The jurors listened to the story told by Mrs. Thaw with respectful interest. They believed every word of it, as every one must have believed who heard it. The narrative was not dramatic, as Evelyn Thaw's had been. Though it had not the thrill of that wonderfully moving story, there could be no question mark at the end.

The truth from the mother's lips seemed, ironically enough, less effective from the spectacular standpoint than the narrative of the wife, which many have questioned and around which the whole tragedy revolves. It may have more weight with the jury. It seemed to have more weight with the majority of the men in court, many of whom were reminded of their own mothers by the stately, sweet-faced witness.

## ONE OF GOOD WOMEN OF EVELYN'S DIARY.

The elder Mrs. Thaw seems to me to belong to the highest type of the man-made woman—to be of the predestined good wives and mothers of whom the sixteen-year-old Evelyn wrote in her diary that they would

## Mrs. William Thaw as She Told the Jury Of Her Son's Grief Over White's Misdeeds

Sketched in Court for The Evening World by ARTIST PERLEY.



never be "anything." Her noble principles, her perhaps narrow prejudices all belong to woman as man has made her over. She could not understand, much less sympathize, with the woman rebel as typified by Evelyn Thaw.

Harry Thaw, when her motherlove led her to break in upon the all-night vigils he kept with the tragedy that stalked beside him, told her at last of the "wicked thing" that "the wickedest man in New York had done" which had ruined his life. She said yesterday that she did not encourage him to talk of this, fearing to deepen the impression; but she did say that he ought not to make the girl's cause his own; that "these things were constantly happening in big cities." Here was the indifferent, jolly aloof attitude of the protected woman, which was betrayed again in the stipulation Mrs. Thaw made at the time of her son's marriage, that Evelyn Thaw's past "should be a closed book" to her.

This promise, she said yesterday, Evelyn faithfully kept. Perhaps if she had not done so, if she could have broken over the wall of the elder woman's reserve, if the younger woman could have seen the older's nobility, the older woman have come to sympathize with the younger's minority, to understand her errors, both might have worked together to make Harry Thaw forget the spectre that stalked beside him urging him to kill. They are working together now to save him from the death chair, but their common tragedy seems the only link between them.

The only mental or temperamental point of contact between these two women was their love for one man—Harry Thaw. I don't think Mrs. William Thaw could ever understand her daughter-in-law, while the latter's real view of her husband's mother would probably blend much awe, some toleration and a little amusement.

But however different they are and must remain, each has done her best for Harry Thaw, the militant mother, daughter of Josiah Copley, noted editor of Pennsylvania, and wife of a millionaire, and the pale girl model, though wide as the world apart, have stood together in a valiant effort to save him from his fate.

## NEW YORK'S WOLF HUNTERS ORGANIZE

Canada and Northern Michigan to Be Explored Fortnightly.

The Wolf Hunters' Club of America met last night in the old Canadian shack at the Sportsmen's Show and organized the first New York branch. They arranged for fortnightly instead of monthly wolf hunts in Canada and Northern Michigan, the sections where wolves are most abundant. The officers elected were C. H. Wade, of the Equitable Life Insurance Company, President; Major Morrison, of the Royal Canadian Artillery of Ottawa, Canada, Vice-President; and Lieut. Caradon, of the Tenth Infantry, France, and also James A. Cruikshank, Secretary.

Wolf hunting is comparatively a new sport in this country, although where it originated it has been the sport of winter sports for centuries. The Wolf Hunters' Club of America now numbers twenty-five members. It held its first hunt three weeks ago, and it was so successful that the formal organization was effected last night. Two kinds of wolves are most abundant. The one is the Russian pound, which hunt with their eyes, and the Irish pound, which hunt by scent. The hunters travel on horseback and have no permanent base, but live in open tents and change their territory as the tracks of wolves lead them.

## WASHINGTON TIRES OF SULTAN'S DELAY

Positive Action Probable if School Question Is Not Soon Settle

CONSTANTINOPLE, March 7.—It is intimated that the United States will shortly take more active measures to enforce its demands for official recognition of the American schools and missionary establishments in Turkey, should the removal of the existing difficulties be much longer delayed.

The Ministerial Committee appointed to deal with the question has been sitting at the Yildiz Palace and has already recommended the settlement arranged three years ago with the American Embassy, and a new decree approving the agreement has been submitted to the Sultan.

It is hoped that the latter's signature will remove the obstacles placed by irresponsible officials in the way of the proper execution of the arrangements.

All the details necessary for the fulfillment of the agreement were decided upon by the American Embassy and the responsible departments of the Porte at the time the settlement was reached, and consequently Ambassador Leishman has resolutely refused to consider any suggestions to reopen the dispute on this subject.

## ELOPERS THINK EACH OTHER RICH, WIFE DECLARES

An Awful Awakening in Store for Manager Holland.

"VENGEANCE IS MINE."

Deserted Woman Is Busy Sending Stories to Girl's Family.

It is really worth while to hear Mrs. Charles A. Holland tell how her husband eloped with Elizabeth Galling, a young woman from Nashville, Tenn., whose relatives are wealthy and proud. Mrs. Holland was found in her apartment in the Puritan, No. 208 West One Hundred and Sixth street, to-day industriously clipping stories of the elopement from the newspapers and putting them into envelopes addressed to the store-said relatives. Her operations were closely watched by two large grayhounds.

Holland is fifty-two years old and the proprietor of the Holland Theatre, at One Hundred and Tenth street and Broadway. He has not been at his home in the Puritan since Feb. 15. Mrs. Holland is not alone in feeling sore over the elopement. A young lawyer who was attentive to Miss Galling and expected to marry her has played no small part in giving the affair all the publicity possible.

"There is no doubt that my husband has eloped with Miss Galling," said Mrs. Holland. "I know every move they make. I am not sorry he has gone. I was married to him eleven years ago and I know him. Steps have already been taken in my behalf looking to a divorce."

"The whole secret of the affair is just this. My husband thinks that Miss Galling has lots of money. As a matter of fact she is not on good terms with her family. She thinks Mr. Holland has lots of money and is a good producer. I have pawned my jewels to help him in his schemes many a time."

She Took His Wife's Place.

"He has known Miss Galling ever since we were married, but it was not until about four months ago that my suspicions were aroused about her relations. We had a quarrel and I left home for eleven days. He had the security to install his woman right here in these apartments while I was gone."

On Dec. 15 last he installed her in a ground floor flat in the De Puyser in West One Hundred and Eleventh street, where she was known as Mrs. Galling. I didn't take me long to find it out. I went there numerous times after him. One one occasion, at midnight, I ran my way into the flat in time to see my husband alone in the bedroom door in my face. On another occasion I remained in the hallway from 10 o'clock at night till 5 o'clock the next morning, finding the bell every half hour and asking for my husband. The next

came in the morning and Miss Galling let him search the flat. My husband was not there. He had again eloped the night by way of the front window. I used to make it interesting for her. Whenever I thought my husband was with her I would call up the telephone operator in the De Puyser and tell him that unless my husband was home in half an hour I would go around and bombard the place with bricks. He never failed to show up inside of half an hour.

"There will be a fine awakening on both sides in this affair before long. I expect my husband back when he goes broke, because she has nothing to give him. All they have to live on is the stock of the Holland Amusement Company, which is in my name, but a thing like that wouldn't stop him from despoiling me."

How He Got a Clean Shirt.

"As a bluffer Mr. Holland stands in a class by himself. He gave this woman \$100 one night. The next day he was home here when his wife came. The boy sent it up on the dumb-waiter. He said he had a cent and I wouldn't give him any money, but he had to have a shirt. He opened the package and found a clean shirt, wrapped the package up again and sent it down to the boy in the basement with word that Mr. Holland was not at home."

After leaving the De Puyser on Feb. 11, her rent was up the 11th, and as she had paid only one installment on the furniture, the installment people seized the stuff. I am told that there are two rugs missing.

"After leaving the De Puyser Miss Galling went to the Hotel Marneffe, One Hundred and Third street and Broadway, where she lived until Feb. 15. Both then went to Lakewood, where they lived at the Palmer House. When they came back to New York my husband came here and got his trunk. He had the nerve to take on my pictures, 'for old acquaintance sake,' he said. The doctor he got the trunk he joined with Lewis J. Tewksbury, the skyrocket promoter, in running the Gilsey House. They ran it into the hands of a receiver."

I suppose Miss Galling will go to New York to see her people, but she will find all these clippings there ahead of her.

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## MEASLES AND ALSO MUMPS IN CONVENT.

Thirteen Pupils at Sacred Heart Institution Isolated with Special Nurses.

Thirteen children are ill to-day at the convent of the Sacred Heart, Convent Avenue and One Hundred and Third street, eight with German measles and five with mumps. There are 120 little ones in the convent.

Mother Superior Moore said to-day the afflicted ones are carefully isolated and she does not believe any more cases will develop. The sick children are cared for by special nurses.

It is believed that the diseases were brought into the convent when the children returned from vacation.

## CLEVELAND GOES HUNTING.

PRINCETON, N. J., March 7.—Grover Cleveland left Princeton yesterday to do some duck shooting around Georgetown, Md. The ex-President will be entertained by his old friend Gen. A. J. Alexander at that place. Mr. Cleveland will be gone about two weeks.

It is said that Cleveland is giving a denial to the truth of reports of Mr. Cleveland's ill health. He takes a vacation like this every spring.

## WOMEN PRAY FOR DESTRUCTION OF SALOONS BY FIRE

Many "Amens" During Petition of Temperance Worker in Newark.

AT AN ALL-DAY MEETING.

Rejoiced Over the Burning of Several Saloons—An Attack on Dryden.

If the prayers of the Women's Christian Temperance Union are answered all the saloons in Newark will be destroyed by fire.

At an all-day session of the union yesterday in the hall at No. 125 Market street, reference was made to the destruction of several saloons by fire, and when prayers were offered for the success of the temperance work one of the women prayed earnestly and long that every saloon in the city might be destroyed in the same manner as the one destroyed by the last Sunday night fire. Frequent "Amens" were loudly uttered during the prayer.

Mrs. Sarah I. Blanchard, President of the Union, also attended for the first time since her recent severe illness and delivered the main address of the meeting. She said that the women of the union had been praying for the destruction of saloons by fire, and that they were now praying for the success of the temperance work one of the women prayed earnestly and long that every saloon in the city might be destroyed in the same manner as the one destroyed by the last Sunday night fire. Frequent "Amens" were loudly uttered during the prayer.

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## COLLEGES NOW FOR THE LOVE SMITTEN

Chicago Sociologist Says the Nation Needs Matrimonial Instruction.

CHICAGO, March 7.—Colleges of courtship for the reform of American love-making are needed to fit the love-lorn population of the nation for matrimony, according to Prof. Charles F. Henderson, the University of Chicago sociologist. In an article in "Courtship" in the current Biblical World, issued from the University press yesterday, the professor urges expert instructions for those who are smitten with the "illusions" of love.

"Heavy marriages, divorces and marriages of convenience are classed as results of the 'courtship' into which courtnship and marriage have fallen. He gives as examples of the decline in true love—where the wife is bought from the parent like a cow, or where she is compelled to marry to secure a fortune from a rich fool.

"Fashionable society exhibits degraded standards, and alimony is accepted as a substitute for rational marriages," he declares.

Prof. Henderson points out as particular evils of modern love-making such as flirting, boasting of one's wealth, extravagance, costly presents, ignorance of the training of children and courtship without intent to marry.

## ANOTHER CHANNEL STEAMER AGROUND.

Cambridge the Second in Trouble Since Berlin Was Lost on Holland Coast.

FLUSHING, Holland, March 7.—The British steamer Cambridge, belonging to the Great Eastern Railway Company, of London, grounded early to-day on Nolle Beach during a fog.

The sea is calm and the vessel probably will get off at the next tide.

This is the second cross-Channel steamer to be impounded on this beach since the same company's steamer, the Berlin, was wrecked off the Hook of Holland a fortnight ago.

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